

# MAYOR'S AMAZING STORY OF ICE TRUST STOCK HOLDINGS AND OFFICIAL ACTS.

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Q. I think it was Bath, come to think of it. We knocked about some. Q. What do you mean by knocked about? A. Oh, we went ashore and looked around a bit. We sailed down the Penobscot River, too. Q. Did you look at the ice-houses? A. We passed them down the river. Q. How many? A. I can't say. Perhaps twelve, perhaps more. Q. That was the only time you ever saw any of the property of the ice company? A. Yes, sir. Q. You were in a boat? A. Yes, sir. Q. Didn't it belong to the American Ice Company? A. It was furnished by Mr. Morse. It was his. We were his guests. Q. Did you see ice houses on the Kennebec and the Penobscot? A. Yes, all of them. Q. Why did you make this inspection? A. I don't call it an inspection. We went merely for a pleasure trip. Had we not gone there we would have gone to Old Point or Virginia Hot Springs. Q. Did you know the city was a large consumer of ice? A. I never gave the thought. Q. Didn't you know that the American Ice Company had a practical monopoly in this city? A. No, sir. I have read in the papers that the Independent Company had forced the American Ice Company to reduce the price. Q. But you don't know anything about a reduction of the price personally? A. Nothing whatever.

## HE HAD HEARD OF THE PEOPLE'S UPRISING.

Q. You know there has been a violent agitation against the ice trust and its monopoly? A. I think I have heard a little about that. Q. Do you think the Mayor of the city had no jurisdiction over such a monopoly? A. No, I don't think so. Q. And would the fact that the Mayor of the city held a large block of stock in such a monopoly affect his obligations in any way? A. Oh—I have nothing to do with the management of the American Ice Company in any way.



THE DAY OF REPRISAL.

Bob Van Wyck and John Carroll and a few ice trust lawyers in court.

Here Lawyer Patterson for the Mayor objected to this line of questioning.

"I think the counsel has gone far enough," he commented. The objection was not sustained.

Q. Did you know the price of ice had been raised to 60 cents or were you consulted about it? A. No, sir.

Q. When you exchanged your Knickerbocker Ice Company stock did you know the same privilege had been granted the stockholders of the Consolidated company? A. I did not.

Q. Do you know the Dock Commissioners? A. Yes.

Q. Appointed by you? A. Yes.

Q. You never knew the Consolidated was to be merged with the American Ice Company? A. No.

Q. You expected the profits of the American Ice Company were to be made outside of New York City? A. I did. Mr. Morse told me the business was to be in the South, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore.

Q. You were never told by Carroll, Morse or any one that the Knickerbocker Ice Company was to be consolidated with the American Ice Company? A. No, sir.

Q. You got the stock though? A. Yes. I was anxious to get it.

Q. Why? A. I thought it was a good investment.

## MAYOR OWNS \$150,000 IN COPPER.

Q. How many other transactions have you made based on your own judgment? A. I bought \$150,000 worth of Amalgamated Copper.

Q. Any others? A. Yes, a number of others.

Q. You have seen that a large amount of ice stock is credited to others. Are you interested in any of them? A. No, sir.

Q. A large amount of stock is credited to Mr. Scott. Is any of that for you? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know who are stockholders of the Knickerbocker Ice Company in Maine? A. No, sir.

Q. Are you aware that every single officer and also members of Tammany Hall and others are very large holders in the Knickerbocker Ice Company?

## A TAMMANY HALL CONSPIRACY.

An objection was made by Mr. Patterson on the ground that the question had nothing to do with the case and was unimportant.

"I assure Your Honor," said Mr. Peckham, "that it is of vital importance."

The objection was sustained.

Q. Do you know that on Nov. 1, 1898, John F. Carroll held 2,000 shares in the Knickerbocker Ice Company, of New York City?

Objected to. The Court asked Mr. Peckham the purpose of the question. Mr. Peckham replied he did not like to disclose the purpose. He said finally he expected to show that a conspiracy existed by which the price of a commodity was to be raised.

An argument followed between counsel, and finally the question was allowed, and the Mayor said he knew Carroll owned some stock, but not when he owned it. He did not know the number of shares.

Q. How about Croker? A. Don't know.

Q. And Cram? A. Don't know.

Q. And James Fitzgerald? A. No, sir.

Mr. Peckham then called off the list of judges who are credited with holding ice stock, but the Mayor said he had no knowledge that they were interested.

Mr. Peckham then went into a long series of questions regarding the names of various dock properties, but the Mayor pleaded ignorance of all of these of this character.

## PUTTING "HIS HONOR" ON THE RACK.

Did you read the report of the Dock Board for the year 1899? A. Yes.

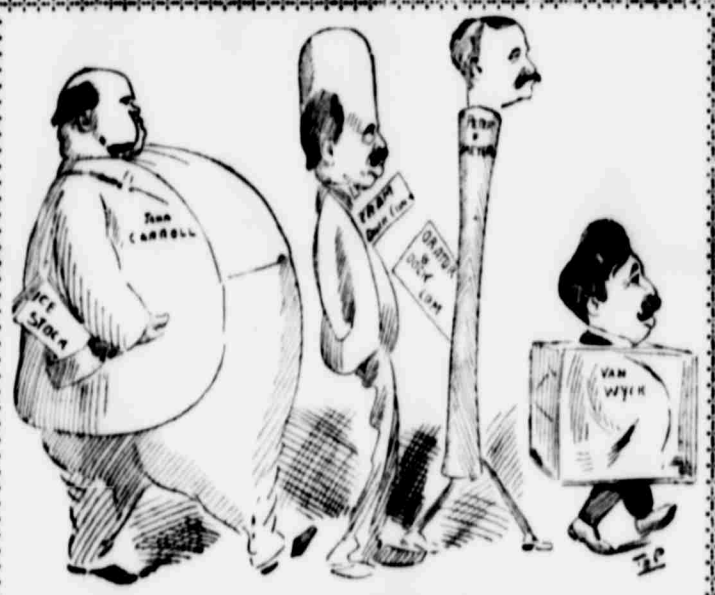
Q. And you take any pains not to read it at all? A. Oh, I can't read all that stuff.

Q. Now, were any bills passed by the Legislature for the improvement of the harbor, particularly on the west side, in 1899 submitted to you? A. Yes.

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## THE ICE GANG.



Four of a Kind—Hard to Beat.

"I don't need to," was the reply, the Mayor moving uneasily in his seat.

"I want you to look at them," Mr. Peckham persisted.

"I don't want to," snapped the Mayor, showing the first signs of anger.

Judge Gaynor ruled that the witness did not have to look at the papers, and then Mr. Peckham read the general provisions of the bills.

These bills had been vetoed by the Mayor, who said he had done so because the city had not the money. The city was within \$5,000,000 of the constitutional debt limit.

Q. It would have been to the interest of New York to have increased the dock facilities of the city? A. Yes, sir; if they had the money.

## WHY HE VETOED THE DOCK BILLS.

Q. Why did you veto the bills? A. I thought it was unwise to allow the Dock Board to pile up a debt of \$10,000,000. I was against such a policy. Condemnation proceedings were necessary and the title of the property to be acquired was in question.

Q. Now, Mr. Mayor, did you give any reason at the time you vetoed the bills? A. Well, I had 235 bills at the time and of that number I vetoed 138 of them.

Q. Did you know anything about these bills before they were passed? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you mean that you knew nothing about legislation for the city before the bills came before you? A. The Corporation Counsel's office is warned to look after such matters.

Q. But don't you keep track of city legislation? A. I never interfere with legislation in any way.

Q. Now, Mr. Mayor, did you not know that at the time the Dock Improvement bills were passed by the Legislature, your ice holdings were in danger? A. Certainly not, sir (quickly responded the Mayor, shaking his head vigorously).

Q. Didn't you realize that the passage of those bills would seriously affect the value of your ice stock? A. Why, certainly not, certainly not, Mr. Peckham (brusquely).

## DID NOT KNOW OF DOCK LEASES.

Q. Did you know anything of these leases to the Consolidated Ice Company? A. No, nothing.

Mr. Peckham then read from the Charter, showing that it was the duty of the Mayor to exercise supervision over all the city departments and to watch Albany legislation.

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## ICE TRUST PRESIDENT TELLS OF DOCK GRANTS.

Charles W. Morse, President of the American Ice Company, was a witness at the ice trust hearing before Justice Gaynor this afternoon.

Mr. Morse was examined by J. Noble Hayes for The World.

Q. How did the American Ice Company secure its docks? A. From individuals and private owners.

Q. Did you bring the minute books of the American Ice Company here? A. I was not so directed.

Q. Did the American Ice Company own or lease any docks when they began business? A. Not directly.

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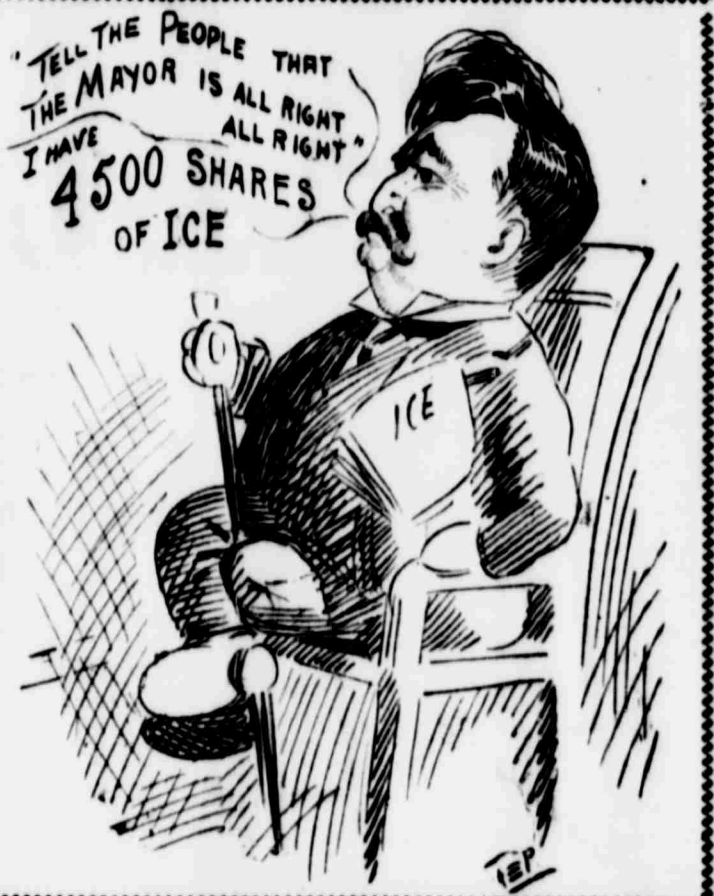
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## CARROLL, TAMMANY MAN, ANOTHER ICE BARON.

John F. Carroll, deputy leader of Tammany, and the bright young man who saw a good thing in the monopoly in ice and told his friends about it, was called as a witness at the ice trust hearing this afternoon.

Mr. Carroll was cool and collected. He was examined by Mr. Peckham.

Q. Mr. Carroll, have you had any particular relations with the city at any time? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever held a city office? A. I was clerk of the City Court.

Q. Any other? A. I was a department clerk.

Q. Have you any interest in the Consolidated or Knickerbocker Ice Company? A. Yes, sir. In both of them.

Q. What is your interest in the Consolidated company? A. I subscribed for \$20,000 worth of stock.

Q. Did you pay for it? A. By check.

Q. In the Knickerbocker company how much? A. Thirty-five thousand dollars' worth.

Q. You were one of the men who offered to take part of the shares of the company that the company was not to subscribe for? A. I agreed to take \$5,000 worth.

Q. How many shares did you take? A. Three hundred and fifty preferred.

Q. How much common? A. Ten hundred and fifty common.

Q. Was there any agreement about others taking an interest in the company? A. No, sir.

Q. How much money did you borrow? A. Oh, \$10,000; not over that.

Q. Did you ever talk with Mayor Van Wyck about that stock? A. Never.

Q. Did you have any talk with Dick Croker? A. Not a word.

Q. Did the Mayor ever consult you? A. Never.

Q. When the American Ice Company was formed did you have any part in it? A. No.

Q. Did you advise the Mayor to buy it? A. I did not.

Q. Didn't you hear the Mayor say you had advised him? A. I did. I may have talked over the stock with him in a general way, but not as an adviser.

Q. When did you first hear of the American Ice Company? A. When it was first organized.

Q. Never before? A. Never.

Q. Did he tell you any fact from which you inferred it would be a good thing to buy this stock? A. No.

Q. What was the first knowledge you had of the American Ice Company? A. Oh, in April or May, 1899.

Q. You held 5,000 shares? A. I held 2,000 preferred and had a bonus of 1,500 common.

Q. Do you retain 5,000 shares of stock still? A. Every cent of them.

Q. Did you arrange that the same time the Mayor did to pay for the stock? A. No.

Q. Did you borrow it from the same bank? A. No.

Q. Did you borrow it from any person? A. Mr. Morse.

Q. Did the Mayor tell you to borrow it from Mr. Morse? A. He did not.

Questioned by Mr. Undermyer Mr. Carroll said that he paid for his block of stock by a mortgage of \$7,500 raised on property he owned at One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue which is a vacant lot.

Mr. Carroll then left the stand.

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